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1. Alliance for Arab Women

Special, 1996

Introduction

The Alliance for Arab Women (AAW) has been active in empowering women politically and economically, especially focusing on female heads of households. Through its branches in various Governorates in Egypt, it has established outreach programmes and organized workshops and seminars to advance its objectives.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization was created in response to the need to empower women at the grassroots level by assisting vulnerable groups in rural areas of Egypt.

Significant changes in the organization

As of February 2015, AAW has a new chairman.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AAW contributed to drafting the Shadow Report of Beijing+15, and provided written statements in both the Arabic and English to the 55th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York, on 4 March 2010. AAW also participated in various conferences, seminars and workshops convened by UN Women and the CSW in 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended various meetings of UN Women to discuss violence against women and the economic empowerment of women, and also participated in the annual meetings of the CSW between 2012 and 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AAW organized various events with special emphasis on women's issues in particular education and health.

2. Institut international de sciences politiques

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Institut International de Sciences Politiques has relations of mutual recognition and cooperation with the United Nations and a number of Spanish universities, law firms and international consultancy firms.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization is committed to providing a forum where people of various philosophical and political convictions can exchange views.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Institut actively follows the work of the United Nations in the field of human rights. It promotes the work of the Economic and Social Council on its website. It also participated actively in the following meetings and events, among others:

- Course on politics and administration, with special emphasis on the Latin American region, in collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), January-June 2012, Spain;
- Seminar on the development of sustainable and renewable energy, 20 May 2013, Madrid, Spain; and
- Round table on "education, food and health" in collaboration with UNESCO, 5 November 2015, Madrid, Spain.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Between 2012 and 2015, the organization participated in numerous events in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UNESCO and the United Nations Global Compact on such topics as human rights, immigration and refugees, sustainable development and road safety.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization interacts with UNESCO and was involved in the establishment of the UNESCO department for world heritage protection on 7 November 2012.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Institut is focusing its efforts on advancing the following Millennium Development Goals (MDGs):

Goals 1, 4 and 5: Joint funding with Doctors Without Borders and UNICEF to feed children suffering from malnutrition and youth in developing countries in Asia;

Goals 2, 5 and 6: Organization of a number of targeted meetings on the education of children and their mothers; and

Goal 7: Support for efforts to develop sustainable energy policies.

3. Iraqi Development Organization

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Iraqi Development Organization (IDO) was established in 2008 to raise awareness about educational, physical and psychological health, human rights and social welfare issues in Iraqi society.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main activities carried out by the organization are women's craft workshops, and establishing a trauma and counselling centre, an autism centre, the Orphan Trust, a disability care programme, and a physiotherapy centre.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IDO, with the Alridha Foundation, submitted joint written statements to, and made oral interventions at the 30th Session of the Human Rights Council in September 2015 focusing on the armed intervention of the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen. IDO advocated on behalf of countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), including Yemen, through oral interventions at various Human Rights Council sessions.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In addition to attending the 30th session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) in September 2015, IDO also attended the 14th Session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CPRD) in Geneva, Switzerland from 25 to 28 August 2015. Additionally, it met with officials from the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) and the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) on 30 January 2013 in Baghdad, Iraq to discuss issues of mutual interest.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IDO regularly cooperates with the United Nations Secretariat and agencies of the United Nations in the framework of the Human Rights Council (HRC).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IDO supports the MDGs by fostering development, education, rehabilitation and support of vulnerable peoples in Iraq, specifically those with learning difficulties, with physical disabilities or orphans who have lost one or both parents.

4. Islamic Women's Institute of Iran

Special, 2000

Introduction

The Islamic Women's Institute of Iran (IWII) contributes to sustainable social and cultural development at the national, regional and international levels. It collaborates with established NGOs such as Mazlumder and the International Commission for Human Rights, Kashmir centre to pursue its objectives.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IWII aims to advance on the development goals through the following objectives: cultivate better human resources by improving public awareness; raise awareness of social and economic rights within the human rights framework; advocate against poverty and discrimination of vulnerable groups in society; and support environmental development issues. It also hosts capacity building workshops targeting community members, including youth and women, by providing training on: rights of citizenship; civil; justice, health, property and international laws; addiction prevention, poverty reduction, usage of media, religion, population control, violation prevention, environmental protection, and reproduction.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IWII promoted the work of the United Nations through a series of meetings, training and capacity building workshops to discuss human rights, investigation procedures, civil and criminal law, national rights of women, children and youth. In 2012, it hosted a workshop on the right of education and life skills, and convened a campaign for media experts and activists to combat air pollution in 2013. It also engaged in a wide range of activities to empower local communities to prevent hunting endangered species, and supporting female-headed households through apparel production enterprises. The organization has attended regional meetings in Afghanistan and Tajikistan and publishes monthly magazines since 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held from 4 to 15 March 2013 in New York and convened a panel discussing advancement and challenges faced by Iranian women. It also engaged in the preparatory aspects for the 58th session of CSW held from 10 to 21 March 2014 and submitted oral statements to key events including those encouraging the participation of women in developing countries.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 2003, IWII has been collaborating with the Small Grants Programme of the Global Environment Facility led by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No cooperation was specified.

5. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ) established in 2000 at the University of San Diego's Kroc School of Peace Studies, fosters peace, cultivates justice and creates a safer world by working to improve lives of individuals facing armed conflict and human rights abuses in Asia, Africa and Middle East and North Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of IPJ is to assist in transition and recovery from conflict and to facilitate collaboration among government leaders, civil society and security groups. IPJ offers workshops, dialogue processes, and venues for advancement of peacebuilding techniques.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Through its WorldLink for Youth Program, IPJ cosponsored events celebrating the International Day of the Girl Child in 2014 and Junior Model United Nations in 2015. IPJ commemorates International Women's Day by hosting annual breakfasts in San Diego, California, to recognize women's achievements in ending discrimination and gaining equality and share findings of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). The themes of the annual breakfasts were:

- “Connect, Create, Celebrate”, 14 March 2012;
- “Prevention of violence against women”, 13 March 2013;
- “Voices of the Future”, 20 March 2014; and
- “Twenty Years Beyond Beijing — Girls Empowered, Humanity Empowered”, 18 March 2015.

It also commemorated United Nations International Human Rights Day through the following events:

- "Should Human Rights Trump Peace? The Case of Colombia", October 2012;
- "Drones, International Law, and the 'Forever War': The Future of U.S. Policy", October 2013
- "From the Frontlines: The Challenges of Getting to the Truth", January 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IPJ actively participated in meetings of the United Nations including the 56th, 57th, 58th and 59th sessions of the CSW and co-sponsored a number of side events between 2013 and 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In conjunction with the United Nations Women (UN Women), IPJ co-convened two international conferences titled "Breaking Barriers: What it will take to achieve security, justice and peace" in 2012 and "Defying Extremism: Gendered Responses to Religious Violence" in 2014. It collaborated with several bodies of the United Nations including Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO), Department of Political Affairs (DPA), United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and liaises with various officials including special rapporteurs.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

6. Krityanand UNESCO Club Jamshedpur

Special, 2012

Introduction

Krityanand UNESCO Club Jamshedpur (KNUC) is an NGO that seeks to increase public awareness on global development issues and support the activities of the United Nations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization seeks to contribute to the socio-economic development of communities and respond to the changing social realities by cultivating and applying knowledge and by taking initiatives to develop sustainable societies that promote and safeguard equality, social justice and human rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

KNUC submitted written statements to two ECOSOC High Level Segments (HLS) held from 1 to 4 July 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland and on 6-10 July 2015 in New York. It also submitted statements to the 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held in New York from 10 to 21 March 2014 and 9 to 20 March 2015, respectively.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization signed statements with other non-government organizations in support of the "Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH)" on 28 February 2013 organized by the World Health Organization (WHO). It also signed a joint letter from the civil society calling to India and African countries to discuss development issues and presented its findings at the 10th Ministerial Conference hosted by the World Trade Organization (WTO) on 19 December 2015 in Nairobi, Kenya.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

KNUC has supported goal 3 of the MDGs by promoting gender equality and empowering women. It also contributed to goals 4 and 5 by providing nutritional care information to children and prenatal care to mothers through its sustainable rural development project in 2014.

7. Le Conseil des jeunes congolais de l'étranger

Special: 2012

Introduction

The aim of the Conseil des Jeunes Congolais de l'Étranger (CJCE) is to raise awareness of human rights-related issues in African society.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CJCE works on humanitarian and socioeconomic development issues in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In particular, it is committed to promoting the integration of Swiss Congolese and other foreign nationals into society, combating racism in all its forms, establishing a global partnership for sustainable development, and ensuring universal primary education.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No cooperation was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

8. Liberian United Youth for Community Safety and Development

Special, 2012

Introduction

Liberian United Youth for Community Safety and Development (LUYCSD) is dedicated to providing sustainable services to women and children and assistance to individuals with chronic diseases and disability.

Aims and purposes of the organization

LUYCSD provides sustainable services to women, children, youth and people with chronic diseases and disabilities in the areas of health, education, peace building, including microfinance programmes for war affected widows; and counselling to victims of HIV/AIDS and other diseases.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since the Ebola outbreak in Liberia, LUYCSD implemented various projects in the community to ensure the following:

- Supported Ebola awareness and sensitization activities;
- Addressed stigmatization and discrimination against Ebola survivors, orphans and quarantined families, and provided counselling to survivors and orphans;
- Initiated community dialogue for settling disputes and fostering peaceful co-existence;
- Conducted workshops and training for civil society organizations, youth groups, women's organizations, and stakeholders on stigmatization and discrimination for patient safety;
- Promoted early identification and treatment of Ebola patients to reduce mortality rates.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

LUYCSD attended the following meetings in New York:

- The 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women held from 9 to 20 March 2015;
- The 48th Session of the Commission on Population and Development from 16 March to 2 April, 2015;
- The 14th Session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration held from 20 to 24 April 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has supported the MDGs by raising awareness and sensitization of Ebola in communities; providing counselling to Ebola survivors and orphans; combating stigmatization and discrimination against Ebola survivors, orphans and quarantined families; and creating platforms for community dialogue to settle disputes and promote peaceful co-existence.

9. Mahila Dakshata Samiti

Special, 1996

Introduction

Mahila Dakshata Samiti (MDS) is dedicated to exercising vigilance and combating dowry, injustice and atrocities affecting women and children. MDS strives to enhance the status of women and works closely with other organizations, including the National Commission of Women, Crime against Women Cell, Free Legal Aid Centers, Social Welfare Board, and the Ministry for Women and Child.

Aims and purposes of the organization

MDS has played a vital role in building the women's movement in India through work carried out by its domestic and foreign branches. It seeks to empower women in the political, economic, social and cultural dimensions by: providing counselling services; offering free temporary shelter, free legal aid and health care for the poor; and organizing seminars/workshops on issues related to educational and medical needs for women and children. The amendment of various laws in support of the protection of women, dowry, rape, female feticide, domestic violence and 33% reservation for women are attributable to this organization's extensive efforts.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

MDS regularly organizes side events during the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

MDS regularly participates in meetings of the United Nations. It attended the Sustainable Development Summit in New York on September 25 to 27, 2015. It also attended the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women during this reporting period, and actively engaged in meetings related to Beijing+20.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

MDS attended the Asia-Pacific Civil Society Forum on Sustainable Development, organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Bangkok, Thailand, on 14 November 2014 where it organized a side event on strengthening accountability mechanisms. It also collaborated with United Nations Women, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on addressing gender issues.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

10. Major Alliance Education Centre

Special, 2012

Introduction

Major Alliance Education Centre (MAEC) is a regional organization based in Tanzania committed to empowering women and supporting the vulnerable groups to fight against the HIV/AIDS epidemic and drug abuse.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to:

- Enable community members to know the rights of children and youth;
- To exercise every child's right to early education;
- To promote advocacy of marginalized groups, including women and youth, in their efforts to combat hunger and poverty;
- To enable the community to fight against pandemic diseases including HIV/AIDS and drug abuse through community mobilization;
- To promote gender and human rights for vulnerable groups in the community including orphans and women.

Significant changes in the organization

Since 2013, MAEC changed its organizational set up to enable the board of directors to take charge of administration which is managed by the executive director.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

MAEC contributes to the work of the United Nations by advocating that each child fully develops his/her capabilities, personal criteria and moral and social responsibility according to articles 28 & 29 of the United Nations Declaration on Child Rights. It provided 950 primary and secondary school children with education facilities, which included the provision of scholastic materials and school fees.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

MAEC cooperated with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to provide support to human trafficking victims.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of the MDGs, MAEC concentrated its efforts on lobbying and advocating for women and children. Notable activities include the "Child Young Mothers Tutoring Program"; training for youth on life-skills, organizing a campaign against HIV/AIDS; combating drug abuse; and the provision of psychological support.

11. Match International Centre**Special, 1996****Introduction**

Match International Centre (MIC), provides direct funding to women-led social innovations that are breaking new ground for women's rights, in addition to supporting the structural needs of organizations advocating for women. The organization is based in Ottawa, Canada, and collaborates with institutions in Asia, Latin America, Africa, and Oceania.

Aims and purposes of the organization

MIC places the issue of women's rights and empowerment as central to successful and sustained development in the global south. Through meaningful and strategic collaboration, learning and action, it invests in women's innovations toward lasting improvements in the rights and equality of women globally. In addition to financial support, it also provides capacity building, mentorship, peer

learning and access to expertise required to scale up innovations and to accelerate impact.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2010, MIC re-launched itself as Canada's only international fund for women under the name Match International Women's Fund and redirected its efforts to support related initiatives breaking new ground for women's rights.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization supports women's rights organizations around the world that have contributed to achieving women's rights and gender equality. It also provides a third of its partners with capacity building for social innovators and entrepreneurs through a coaching programme using webinars and other online tools to encourage innovative leadership. In 2014 and 2015, MIC supported 20 organizations that support innovative ideas including the Fonds pour les femmes Congolaises and Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

MIC participates actively in parallel organizations and networks that support the work of the United Nations within Canada. It is an active member of the Women, Peace and Security Network in Canada, a network of organizations that promotes and monitors the efforts of the Government of Canada to implement and support the United Nations Security Council Resolutions on women, peace and security.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

All activities of the organization are focused towards achieving goal 3 of the MDGs by providing flexible grants to women's rights organizations around the world and participating in or convening activities commemorating the International Women's Day.

12. New Future Foundation

Special, 2008

Introduction

New Future Foundation (NFF) is a non-profit organization with the mission to facilitate international and domestic socio-economic development, community outreach, education, and health.

Aims and purposes of the organization

NFF seeks to facilitate international and domestic socio-economic development through recreation, education, cultural initiatives, health issues, female youth literacy programmes, advocacy and outreach programmes. The organization believes in empowering women to expand their participation across the various social strata to narrow the gender gap in their political representation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

NFF recently initiated the United Nations Community Outreach Information Network (COIN) Program which aims to facilitate economic and social development through exposure to companies and world leaders sharing similar or complementary goals related to the United Nations. The key objective is to bridge the gap between local and international communities, as well as to reduce the generational gap between the youth and elderly. In 2014, the NFF Internship Program supported six interns from diverse academic backgrounds to work on issues pertaining to the United Nations. NFF also hosted a side event during the 65th annual United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) — Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) World Conference on 27 to 29 August 2014 in New York. It implemented programmes for women in poverty, indigenous women, migrants and others vulnerable groups to access adequate health care treatments and collaborates with donors to ensure capacity for relief shelters for women subjected to violence.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

NFF has participated in and provided oral and written statements for a number of events organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), its functional commissions and other subsidiary bodies such as: High-Level meetings of the General Assembly, the regular sessions of the Committee on NGOs, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Population and Development, the session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, informal consultations on the Rio+20 outcome document, sessions of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, sessions of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, the hearing of the General Assembly in the preparation for the United Nations Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda among others. It also co-sponsored various side events during meetings hosted by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and regularly contributes to the weekly briefings of the Department of Public Information (DPI).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

NFF collaborated with United Nations Women to commemorate the International Day of Women and launched a global campaign on "Empowering

Women — Empowering Humanity” to mark the 20th anniversary of the World Conference on Women in Beijing, held in New York on 26 June 2014. NFF also has engaged in dialogue and plans of action with the following Member States and regional organizations: Bangladesh, Haiti, Jamaica, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Turkey, and the African Union. It regularly cooperates with entities of the United Nations Secretariat including the Department of Social and Economic Affairs (DESA), Department of Public Affairs (DPI), Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) and United Nations agencies including the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and United Nations Women.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization supported the following MDGs:

Goal 1: By providing rural women and farmers with income and equitable growth resources to bring them out of poverty. NFF partnered with the Integrated Pastoralist Assistance and Development (IPAD) an NGO in Marsabit, Kenya to advance the Pastoralist Water and Sanitation (WASH) Project in the Forole region of Kenya.

Goal 2: By teaching primary education and providing stationary supplies; organizing vocational training for young people to transform their skills; offering courses on English as a second language; and facilitating exchange programs and scholarships.

Goal 3: By setting up skill banks and creating business opportunities for women through micro-loans and conducting training to promote small and medium enterprises.

13. Nigeria-Togo Association

Special: 2008

Introduction

The Nigeria-Togo Association was established to respond to the socioeconomic and cultural aspirations of the populations of the West African subregion.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are to promote peace, improve the well-being of the people, fight to eradicate poverty, combat trafficking in persons, and promote economic and cultural ties among the countries of the subregion.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In collaboration with the Government, a workshop entitled "Catch them young/*Prenez-les jeunes*" was organized in Lagos, Nigeria, from 10 to 13 November 2015. The principal aim of this workshop was to encourage the youth of Nigeria, Benin and Togo to become interested in agriculture. The Governments of the three countries launched initiatives aimed at promoting the intensification of agricultural development programmes in these countries. The organization continues to combat diseases such as HIV/AIDS, Lassa fever, malaria and typhoid fever.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization has working agreements with the United Nations Information Centre in Lagos, Nigeria.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has carried out the following activities in support of the Millennium Development Goals:

- Campaigning against the cutting of trees with a view to preserving fauna, flora and animal species;
- Encouraging youth to specialize in fields that will enable them to acquire the necessary skills to contribute to development;
- Establishing health centres and providing necessary medicines in rural health centres;
- Calling upon Governments to allocate funds for the development of rural infrastructure; and
- Advocating for private investment in child education.

14. Organisation camerounaise pour la protection de l'arbre

Special: 2012

Introduction

The Organisation camerounaise pour la protection de l'arbre (OCPA) contributes to the fight against deforestation and forest fires. It carries out research on endangered forest species.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its principal purposes are:

- Awareness-raising on the conservation of natural forests and training in tree farming;

- Classification and management of endangered forest species;
- Technical assistance in managing forest communities;
- Seed collection and selection and research on new forest species;
- Regeneration of forests and reforestation of urban spaces.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

OCA collaborates with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Cameroon and in Germany on forest development and forest preservation and protection. UNDP representatives have provided training on integrated climate change strategies.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the organization carries out activities in the forestry sector. OCA trains river bank residents to manage their forests, submits proposals to the Government on social infrastructure projects for the well-being of communities, and calls on international organizations to provide their expertise in forest certification.

15. Organisation technique européenne du pneumatique et de la jante

Special, 2012

Introduction

The European Tyre and Rim Technical Organisation (ETRTO) represents the major tyre, rim and valve manufacturers located in Europe.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to:

- act as a competent body in Europe responsible for dealing with technical aspects of tyres, solid tyres, rims and valves of relevant manufacturers;
- establish common engineering dimensions, load/pressure characteristics together with tolerances and operational guidelines in order to achieve the interchangeability of pneumatic tyres; and

- contribute to and participate in the development of technical legislation which may have an impact on tyres, rims or valves.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributes to the activities of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) through its World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations and their rapporteurs in order to improve global road safety in pursuance of the objectives of the Decade of Action for Road Safety (2011-2020) as well as to harmonize tests on tyres to ensure compliance with global technical requirements (GTR).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Between 2012 and 2015, representatives attended the following meetings organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) held in Geneva:

- 56th, 57th, 58th and 59th sessions on the Working Party on Noise;
- 73rd, 74th, 75th and 76th, 77th 78th 79th, 80th and 81st sessions on the Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear; and
- 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 165th, 166th, 167th and 168th sessions on the World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 2012, the organization has submitted 36 working documents to the Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear and five working documents to the Working Party on Noise with proposals for improvements and amendment to existing regulations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Through its objectives, the organization is supporting the declaration of paragraph 27 of the "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" that calls for the adoption of policies to increase sustainable transport systems.